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OPEN DOOR OR FIGHT.

Lord Charles Beresford's Advice to British Government as to Chinese Policy.

Rulers of the Province Qui'e Willing to Deal Fairly With Foreign Commerce.

Pekin Easy to Influence But Now Considers British Afraid of Russia.

By Associated Press.

London, March 8.—Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, who has just completed his tour of the world in the interests of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of Great Britain, in an interview with a representative of the Associated Press reiterates his well known views on the subject of the "open door" in China, as the only policy of Great Britain. In so doing he said it was impossible to estimate the importance of which was worth the whole of Africa from a commercial point of view.

The Admiral also said that there would be war unless the "open door" policy should be adhered to, and he asserted that American trade in China was progressing by leaps and bounds proportionately much faster than that of Great Britain.

The Daily Mail publishes an interview with Lord Charles Beresford. He told the interviewer that he could say little about his tour until he had completed his voluminous report to the Associated Chambers of Commerce, but he insisted that if all the powers began grabbing land in China it could only result in quarrels and war.

"It is absolutely necessary," he said, "to keep China on her feet. Better stand up now for the open door than venture upon the dangerous course of spheres of influence. I do not suggest a cut and dried alliance. I do not think America will join an alliance. But America, England, Germany and Japan might agree to work together to maintain the open door."

"Of the six men who direct China's policy four have never been outside of Peking. Li Hung Chang has no real power. The empress dowager is the real power and a very clever woman. She signs the popular edicts herself and makes the emperor sign the unpopular ones. The provincial rulers are more progressive than those of Peking. They all favor the open door policy and only want to save China's face; but they think we are afraid of Russia. We must help stiffen China, which will not be a difficult task."

FRENCH FIGHTING STRENGTH.

Since Quantity Is Limited by Population the Effort Is to Improve the Quality.

Paris, March 8.—In the chamber of deputies to-day the debate on the army budget led to the usual reference and to comparisons of the two armies. The members of the house while complaining of the budget, which totals up \$75 million francs, admitted the impossibility of retrenching and the necessity of meeting German increases by corresponding additions.

The minister of war admitted that the French effectiveness was inferior to the German, but it was impossible to remedy this owing to the lack of population. The minister also expressed the belief that mere numbers, above a certain point, did not add to the effectiveness of an army, as they could only act as reserves, and he was convinced that the fate of a conflict would be decided before the reserves could be employed. It is not necessary, therefore, to be alarmed about neighboring increases. France must meet quantity by quality. The rifles and guns of the French army were without their equals and the country, therefore, might await the future with confidence.

FISH IN CLOSE SEASON.

New York Cannot Prevent Sale of Those Lawfully Procured Outside the State.

Buffalo, March 8.—The New York state law prohibiting the handling of pike and pickerel during the "close" season, when the fish are lawfully caught or purchased outside the state, has been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme court. The close extended throughout February, March and April. The decision rendered to-day is of great importance to Canadian fishermen, as large shipments of the fish mentioned are made daily from Canada to Buffalo and other cities in the state.

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BEHRING SEA PATROLS.

United States Preparing for Them in Default of Any Sealing Arrangement.

Washington, March 8.—In view of the failure of the American-Canadian high commission to come to an agreement on the subject of the seal fisheries, the treasury department is considering the question of despatching one or more revenue cutters to Behring Sea to protect the interests of the United States from illegal fishing. This is customary on the part of both the British and American governments and in accordance with the provisions of the Paris tribunal of arbitration. The tribunal also provided that the regulations prepared thereunder may be changed after a certain number of years, and the treasury officials have called on the state department for a statement as to the diplomatic situation before taking any action.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL

Gaspar's Sorry Experience Blasts Hopes of New Winter Navigation Scheme.

Economy in Mounted Police Proves Ill-Timed and Recruiting Becomes Necessary.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 8.—Mr. Cowan, M. P., will call the attention of parliament to the abduction of Mengher, one of his constituents, by American customs officers.

The opinion is expressed here that the difficulties of the steamer Gaspar, now ice-bound in the Gulf, means a death blow to the direct Milford Haven and Paspheic line.

Commissioner Herchmer of the mounted police, is here on official business. It is said the force will have to be increased by 100 men to meet the demands of the public service. Two years ago the present government reduced its strength, despite Mr. Davin's protests.

The Ottawa board of trade are inviting other boards to co-operate to secure government aid towards the establishment of a technical school.

Ex-Governor Mackintosh left for England to-day.

The cabinet is rushing the estimates these days.

PRESS WORKERS' PARADISE.

New Jersey Bill to Prohibit Overwork and Under Feeding.

Trenton, N. J., March 8.—Within a year, if all goes well, this state will be a paradise for newspaper men. The house to-day passed Assemblyman Klein's bill relating to the hours of labor of reporters and editors. It provides that these individuals shall work eight hours a day, the compensation for which shall not be less than \$8. An amendment to the bill provides that all reporters and editors shall be allowed two hours for lunch each day. The dream of the newspaper men interested will likely be blighted when the bill reaches the senate.

CUBAN PERSECUTIONS.

Spaniards in the Cedad Islands Implore American Protection.

Havana, March 8.—A Spanish newspaper publishes a story to the effect that a party of armed Cubans is terrorizing the Spaniards at Mayori. It also says these Cubans have murdered several Spaniards near Barajagua and mentions cases of the persecution of Spaniards in Calbazos, province of Santa Clara. In conclusion the newspaper asks the American authorities to inquire into the matter and to afford protection to the Spaniards.

CHINA WILL APOLOGIZE.

Sorry That Foreign Office Replied Too Bluntly to Italian Request.

Rome, March 8.—The Tribune says it learns that the Chinese government has offered to send the Italian minister, Signor Martino, a written apology, through Sir Claude Macdonald, British minister at Peking, for the terms in which the Peking-Yamen contract China's refusal to grant the concession recently demanded by Italy of San Mun bay, to be used as an Italian naval base and coaling station.

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A HIGH DIVER'S END.

Met Death in Descent Into Tank From Roof of Madison Square Garden.

Lost Control of His Body Through Momentary Attention to Flag Draperies.

Struck With Terrible Force Causing Skull Fracture and Other Injuries.

By Associated Press.

New York, March 8.—Thomas Donaldson, of Bath Beach, known the world over as a champion high diver, dived from the roof of Madison Square Garden, a distance of 85 feet, this afternoon, with probably fatal results. Donaldson travelled for some years with Barnum & Bailey, and has been the star attraction at the sportsmen's show now running in the Garden. He has been making two dives deep. The tank is less than eight feet deep, and on two or three occasions Donaldson did not have the success expected, and came out of the water with hemorrhages from nose and ears. Harry Cornish has in charge of the water sports, and it was he who this afternoon gave Donaldson the signal to dive.

Three thousand persons were present and saw the famous diver lean from the platform, and falling slowly forward, make the plunge. He shot straight downward, but it was plain before he had got half the distance that he had lost control of his body. He struck the water head first and failed to come up. Small circles of blood came bubbling up from the bottom, and Harry Reader, the amateur champion swimmer, plunged into the water. He dived several times and finally brought Donaldson to the surface. He was apparently dead, with blood flowing from mouth, nostrils and ears, and from wounds in the head.

Donaldson was carried to one of the dressing rooms and attended by several physicians. He was then removed to the New York hospital. He has a fractured skull, with compression of the brain, and the left side of his face is crushed in. The surgeons at the hospital say that his death is only a question of hours.

Witnesses of the accident say that as Donaldson left the platform the colors which were wrapped about him became loose. His attention was diverted, and he did not have his wits about him when he struck the water. He weighed more than 200 pounds, and struck with terrific force. Donaldson was 45 years old. Just before making the dive he said he intended to challenge Koenig Speedy, the champion high diver of the world.

AFRAID OF ELECTORS.

Ottawa Government Timid About Winnipeg Because of Sifton-Martin Feud.

Montreal, March 8.—(Special)—Mayor Andrews of Winnipeg, last evening referring to Mackenzie and Mann's scheme, said he would like to believe in the theory of an independent line from Lake Superior to Manitoba, but he was forced to conclude that the Ontario & Rainy River and the Canadian Pacific are one and the same thing, though the Mayor adds that many of his friends think differently. In his mind all the facts point to the conclusion that Van Horne is mixed up in the Mackenzie & Mann deals. Mr. Andrews declines to confirm or deny the report that he would accept the Conservative candidature in Winnipeg. He says the fight between the Sifton and Martin factions is still on, and for this reason there is slim chance of the writ being issued before a general election.

THE QUEBEC MURDERERS.

Woman Anxious to Talk on the Scaffold —Villagers Boycott the Hangman.

Montreal, March 8.—(Special)—Two nuns remain constantly with Cordelia Poirier, and Father Meloche, S. J., is constantly with the prisoners. The woman says she will make a confession on the scaffold, but has been urged not to do so.

The scaffold is so arranged that the executions can take place simultaneously, but Father Meloche is unwilling that the condemned should see each other there. The hour of execution is not yet known, because Judge Tassereau, in pronouncing sentence, omitted that detail, and it will probably be settled by the minister of justice.

Radcliffe, the hangman, who will conduct the double execution, found on his arrival in the village of St. Scholastique that none of the public places of entertainment would give him accommodation, and that private houses were even less inclined to take him in, consequently he was compelled to return to Montreal for shelter, and will have to ride back and forth between here and St. Scholastique every day until after the hanging.

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THE NAVAL MILLIONS

British Estimates Show Startling Increase in Permanent Charges For This Service.

Three New American Battleships to Be Larger Than the Maine—Plans For Cruisers.

By Associated Press. London, March 8.—The Times this morning says: "We understand that the navy estimates will show an increase for the ensuing year of nearly £3,000,000 over last year's total and will reach almost £26,000,000. It is proposed to add between 4,000 and 5,000 men. The largest share of the increased expenditure, however, is for shipbuilding, repairs and the like."

Commenting editorially upon the foregoing, "rather startling statement," the Times says: "It is pretty clear that Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, chancellor of the exchequer, will have an admirable opportunity to display his powers as a constructive financier, and we only hope he will rise to the occasion. But he positively must not seek to escape from his difficulties by a further increase in the already oppressive income tax."

NEW AMERICAN BATTLESHIPS. Washington, March 7.—The plans for the three big battleships authorized by the naval appropriation bill just passed, are being worked out. The general features of the ships have been defined, subject to the approval of the secretary of the navy. The battleships will be a thousand tons larger than the Maine and Missouri class, of a total displacement of 13,500 tons, making them by far the largest ships in the American navy and about equal in dimensions to the best type of battleships now being constructed abroad under the new practice.

Though larger than the Maine the ships will be laid on almost the same lines, being only a little greater in every dimension. They will carry each four 12-inch guns in turrets. The calibre is an inch less than the guns carried by the Oregon, but by improved design they will be almost equal in penetrative power. The 8-inch guns of the Oregon type, although they did effective work at Santiago and Manila, have been abandoned. But instead of eight 8-inch guns the new ships will have no less than sixteen guns of 6-inch calibre, all rapid fire, and twenty 6-pounders. This battery represents the ideal proportion between guns as taught by the experience of our own fleet during the Spanish war, and of the Chinese and Japanese vessels during the late war.

The speed of the ships will be eighteen knots, an advance of two knots over the Oregon class, but just equal to that of the new Maine.

For protection against the enemy's shot the battleships will have but one belt of armor seven feet six inches broad, running clear around the water line, three feet six inches above and four feet below. It was originally planned to have this armor sixteen inches thick, but the designers have now reduced the thickness to twelve inches. This change was made in order to strengthen the casemates which will be made seven and a half in ches thick, instead of five inches.

Although there is a notable absence of new features in the designs of the battleships, which fact, taken in connection with the small amount of progress reported in the designs for the Maine class, may be an indication that our naval designers have very nearly approached the ideal battleship in their work.

As far as these particular ships are concerned, the fact that the navy department is limited to \$300 per ton in the purchase of armor plate makes it impossible to build them in the absence of further legislation, and the department will be obliged to content itself with the mere preparations of detailed plans during the coming summer.

The six cruisers of the unarmored type provided for can, however, be built, and Chief Constructor Hiebhorn has already been working out the designs upon lines approved by the board of bureau chiefs. It is the purpose of the navy department to place contracts for the ships at the earliest possible moment. They represent a type of cruiser which would be of the greatest value just now for our foreign service. The plans call for vessels of about 2,600 tons, and the ships will be improved Marbleheads, so to speak, being 600 tons larger than ships of that class, and with better batteries and more coal capacity. A most important consideration is that they will be sheathed with wood over the steel hull and fully coppered, enabling them to keep the seas even in tropical waters for many months without being compelled to seek a dry-dock. The battery will be made up of six 6-inch guns for each ship. The cost will be considerably more than that of the Marblehead, which was \$374,000, for the amount allowed by congress was \$1,141,500 each. This difference is accounted for by the many improvements

made in the Marblehead's design, a notable one being the use of water tube boilers, giving much greater speed and economy.

SALISBURY AT PARIS. Report That He Will There Personally Settle the Differences With France.

London, March 8.—The Birmingham Post learns that Lord Salisbury will shortly go to Paris in order personally to settle the pending Anglo-French questions with President Loubet and Foreign Minister Delcasse.

PROHIBITION AT A DISCOUNT. Secures So Few Votes in a Maine Election That Party Disappears From the Ballots.

Portland, Maine, March 8.—The canvass of the prohibition party was shown in yesterday's city election. In a total of 7,395 ballots in Portland, only 167 were cast for the prohibition candidate. This being less than 1 per cent., the prohibitionists will not be entitled to representation on the official ballot in the next election.

HELPLESS ON FIRE SHIP. Crew Unable to Stop Engine and Carried Out to Sea.

London, March 8.—A despatch to Lloyd's from Brixham says an unknown schooner was sighted off there at midnight on fire. The crew signalled that they were unable to stop the engine, and the vessel was lost sight of, headed to sea.

NANAIMO NEWS. Steamer Selkirk Damaged by Fire—Coal Boring Operations on New-castle Island.

Nanaimo, March 8.—(Special)—The New Vancouver Coal company commenced boring operations on Newcastle island this afternoon. The Selkirk broke out on the steamer Selkirk this evening, but the loss was not heavy. Residents of Newcastle are arranging to build a large boat house and club rooms for the use of the Newcastle Club.

FRENCH ARSENALS MENACED. Twelve Dynamite Cartridges Found at Toulon—Sunday's Explosion Due to Poul Play.

Paris, March 8.—Despatches received here from Toulon to-day confirm the report that twelve dynamite cartridges were found behind the Toulon arsenal yesterday and that an unidentified person fired a revolver at a sentry on duty at the arsenal. It appears that two shots were fired at the sentry before the Mentely magazine at 7 o'clock last night. The guards were turned out and patrols were sent to scour the neighborhood but the cartridges were not discovered. The sentry says he saw six men running away. The magazine contains quantities of gunpowder, melinite and dynamite.

Toulon, March 8.—It turns out that the twelve dynamite cartridges found behind the arsenal yesterday are of foreign manufacture. Mr. Lockroy, minister of marine, in an interview regarding the explosion of the naval powder magazine at Lacaenbrun early Sunday morning, intimates that the experts now have little doubt it was due to foul play. He thinks it was possibly caused by some clock-work arrangement provided with a detonator hidden in a powder keg.

GERMAN AFFAIRS. Centrists' Predominance in the Reichstag—Emperor Williams to Run the Navy.

Berlin, March 8.—The budget committee of the reichstag has adopted the suggestion of the centrists, the clerical party, which demand the government halt way in its plan for an increase of the peace footing of the infantry and cavalry. The proceedings of the committee demonstrate the growing predominance of the centrists as the ruling party.

London, March 8.—The Berlin correspondent of the Standard commenting upon the resignation of Admiral von Knor as commander-in-chief of the German navy, says: "It is probable that the resignation is a pretence to re-organization of naval control. The post of commander-in-chief is likely to be abolished and the control of the navy to be placed directly under Emperor William and his naval cabinet."

AN EDITOR MULCTED. Paris, March 8.—M. Francis Pressence, foreign editor of the Temps and leader of the Dreyfusards, was condemned to-day to pay a fine of 500 francs and damages to the amount of 3,000 francs, for libelling M. Guerin, president of the anti-Semite league.

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TELEGRAPH TO DAWSON. Government to Construct Line at Once and Maintain It as Public Enterprise.

Ottawa, March 8.—The government has decided to construct a telegraph line to the Klondike country. The plan is to build a line between Lake Bennett and Dawson City at once. At the same time surveyors will leave to examine the country northward from Quesnelville, B. C., which is the terminus of the present government system and see how to connect with the line to Dawson. The government will retain the line in its own possession, having decided that it is too valuable and too important from the standpoint of national safety to be allowed to get into any other hands.

RAFFAEL RECALLED. And Germany's Offence at Samoa Will No More Be Heard Of.

Chicago, March 8.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says: Herr Raffael, the newly appointed consul of Germany to Samoa, who will by virtue of his office be president of the municipality, has not yet started for his post and in consequence the officials of the department of states are wondering when he will start.

The United States and Great Britain have through their diplomatic representatives, unanimously agreed that if the German government would recall Dr. Raffael immediately the contempt of court proceedings against him would not be pressed. This pledge was given by Germany and Dr. Raffael is expected to leave Apia on February 22.

The United States and Great Britain have reached an understanding that the actions of Dr. Raffael were responsible for the entire disturbance created by the Matana regime, but as Germany has practically disavowed the acts of her consul by recalling him, it is not believed there will be any further action taken by either of the governments interested in the protectorate over the islands.

THE ONTARIO SABBATH. Committee of Legislature Decide That It Is Fit Day for Street Railway Traffic.

Toronto, March 8.—(Special)—A big fight took place in the private bills committee of the legislature to-day over a bill to give Ottawa power to run street cars on Sunday. The bill passed the committee by 34 to 13.

PRINCIPAL KING'S FUNERAL. Winnipeg, March 8.—The funeral of the late Rev. Principal King from Manitoba college to Kildonan cemetery to-day was one of the longest ever seen in Winnipeg, being nearly a mile in length.

ARBITRATING A BOUNDARY. Rio Janeiro, March 8.—The Brazilian government has accepted the proposal of Great Britain to submit the Guiana boundary dispute to arbitration. Senator Joaquim Nabuco, former Brazilian secretary of legation in London, has been appointed to represent Brazil on the arbitration commission.

NATIVE SONS ORGANIZE. Constitution Adopted at a Very Largely Attended Meeting Last Evening.

There were a hundred and fifty young men, of all walks of life, present at a meeting held in Pioneer hall last evening to further the organization of a society of native sons of British Columbia. The very large attendance at the meeting, the ability and prominence of those who have put their shoulders to the wheel and the broad scope of the organization bids fair to make the society one of the strongest in the city. Mr. W. A. Ward, local manager of Robert Ward & Co., of Montreal, occupied the chair last evening, and Mr. R. J. Ker, treasurer of the R. P. Rithel Company, Limited, acted as secretary. The committee appointed to draft a constitution presented their report and a long debate ensued, resulting finally in the adoption of the constitution submitted. It was decided to defer the election of officers until next Tuesday evening and in the meantime a committee will prepare a ritual.

The society has been formed on the lines of the Native Sons of the Golden West, which has done so much to unite the sons of the pioneers of California. The objects are social and recreative and for mutual help, and although secret in a nature the constitution has been so framed that no one will be prejudiced from joining on religious grounds.

Most of those present last evening signed the roll and a large number of others unable to attend have also signed their intention of doing so.

Charles L. Schellert, an old resident of Seattle and a well known plumber, was found dead in his room at the Hotel Dalhousie yesterday afternoon. Coroner Sparling believes that he died of heart disease.

Charles Morrison, alias Charles Morris, who is alleged to be a desperate highway robber, was taken up in the city prison on a charge of stealing a fine gold watch from one of the Japanese proprietors of the Queen City restaurant on Occidental avenue.

At the power house of the First Avenue Railway Company last evening, Walter H. French, head engineer in charge of the plant, was caught in one of the large cable winders and was thrown out upon the floor with three ribs broken. Two abrasions of the skull and possibly his pelvis bone fractured. His recovery is doubtful.

News of the death at Jumeau of George T. Umer, sr., formerly of Port Angeles, reached here yesterday on the Rosalind. Mr. Umer was publishing a daily paper at Jumeau. Formerly he was in the newspaper business at Port Angeles, leaving there and going to Skagway when that city sprang into existence.

Tacoma, March 8.—Unless something intervenes to postpone action thereon, the Bucoy franchise for the Tacoma-Seattle electric line will be passed by the city council at its meeting to-morrow evening. Mr. Bucoy states that if the franchise passes the work of grading will be commenced at once.

The police department made a wholesale round-up of questionable characters last night, securing twelve men. When taken before Justice Mattison the entire crowd was examined, and each was held for trial on a formal charge of disorderly conduct. It is thought that this move of the police will result in a general clean-up of the city, but the starter for a general clean-up of the city will be followed by energetic measures to get rid of the large number of criminals now here who have made their special business that of holding up people.

TRAMP'S TOURING ENDED. Locked Up for Twenty Years for Shooting a Fellow Vagrant.

Brantford, March 8.—Dan Stevens, who shot a fellow tramp at Paris station last December, was to-day found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment.

ORANGE GRAND LODGES. Outario West and Quebec in Session—Grand Master Refers to Recent War.

Barrie, March 8.—(Special)—The Grand Orange Lodge of Outario West began its opening session this afternoon. Grand Master D. M. Jernyn, of Winton, presiding. In his address the Grand Master welcomed the brethren to Barrie, and referred to the progress being made by the order. He continued: "Since we last met the continent of America has been startled by the declaration of war and the sound of mighty guns. That one of Britain's children should make war with one of the most Romanized nations in the world on account of her barbarous treatment of her own subjects, is not worthy, inasmuch as it leads us to the conclusion that Anglo-Saxons are destined to defend, to educate and to enlighten the world. Let us take a look at the history of nations for the past two hundred years, and we find every nation whose people are blinded by the errors of Rome have been gradually crumbling into dust while Protestant nations have gone forth as beacon lights, shedding rays of sunshine and liberty in their path."

Montreal, March 8.—The provincial Grand Lodge of the Loyal Orange Association of British America met in annual session yesterday under the presidency of William McLaughlin, president of Grand Master, about 40 being present.

CANNOT BE DOCKED. Therefore British Government Cannot Keep Big Fighting Machines on Asiatic Station.

For the same reason that large battleships are not sent to the Pacific station, it has been found necessary to withdraw the biggest fighting machines from the Asiatic station. The trouble is that the docking facilities are not adequate. In a recent issue the Hongkong Telegraph says: "We understand that it has now been definitely decided not to attempt to dock the battleship Victorious here. The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company certainly cannot be blamed for refusing to accept the responsibility of docking her, for, with only a very few inches to spare on either side of the ship at the dock entrance and a considerable tide running past, it is patent that any attempt to get this great fighting machine into the dock would be attended with grave risks. There has been some talk, we believe, of sending the Victorious to one of the Japanese ports, but this, unfortunately, the same drawbacks exist there as here, and it is stated that there is no dock this side of Malta with a sufficiently wide entrance to take the ship. This being the case, it appears that we must make up our minds to lose the services of this fine fighting machine almost immediately, for if left on the station with an inadequate facility, what soever, a very few months will see her rendered unfit for service and merely an incumbrance to the fleet."

WASHINGTON STATE. Smallpox Scare in Spokane—Tacoma Rounds Up Vagrants—Power House Engineer's Misfortune.

Port Townsend, March 8.—A scarcity of water which has materially interfered with construction work at Point Wilson will be obviated. The government has entered into a contract with the recently organized Spring Valley Water Company, of this city, for the furnishing of ample water for all needs of the 100 men at work there.

Capt. John B. Libby, manager of the Puget Sound Tugboat Company, to-day received his Christmas gift, provided by the employees of that company. It is a special order L. C. Smith double-barreled hammer, weighing 18 pounds, which makes it possible to eject either shell at will, or both together. The gun is said to be one of the finest ever sent to the Pacific Coast, and cost in the neighborhood of \$400.

Seattle, March 8.—A rumor that James Connolly had been lynched in Everett, Wash., had been denied from an unknown source, but was denied from Everett. William E. Rothger, editor and publisher of the Everett Independent, who is in town, believes that Connolly, who was recently acquitted of the charge of murdering Ole Nelson, will not be permitted to remain in Everett, where the great mass of the people believe him morally guilty.

Charles L. Schellert, an old resident of Seattle and a well known plumber, was found dead in his room at the Hotel Dalhousie yesterday afternoon. Coroner Sparling believes that he died of heart disease.

Charles Morrison, alias Charles Morris, who is alleged to be a desperate highway robber, was taken up in the city prison on a charge of stealing a fine gold watch from one of the Japanese proprietors of the Queen City restaurant on Occidental avenue.

At the power house of the First Avenue Railway Company last evening, Walter H. French, head engineer in charge of the plant, was caught in one of the large cable winders and was thrown out upon the floor with three ribs broken. Two abrasions of the skull and possibly his pelvis bone fractured. His recovery is doubtful.

News of the death at Jumeau of George T. Umer, sr., formerly of Port Angeles, reached here yesterday on the Rosalind. Mr. Umer was publishing a daily paper at Jumeau. Formerly he was in the newspaper business at Port Angeles, leaving there and going to Skagway when that city sprang into existence.

Tacoma, March 8.—Unless something intervenes to postpone action thereon, the Bucoy franchise for the Tacoma-Seattle electric line will be passed by the city council at its meeting to-morrow evening. Mr. Bucoy states that if the franchise passes the work of grading will be commenced at once.

The police department made a wholesale round-up of questionable characters last night, securing twelve men. When taken before Justice Mattison the entire crowd was examined, and each was held for trial on a formal charge of disorderly conduct. It is thought that this move of the police will result in a general clean-up of the city, but the starter for a general clean-up of the city will be followed by energetic measures to get rid of the large number of criminals now here who have made their special business that of holding up people.

Spokane, March 8.—The smallpox scare occasioned by Archie Brown, a victim of the disease, spreading from the pest house and for several hours mingling with thousands of people on the streets before his capture, is increasing. Dr. Olmstead, the mayor, Health Officer Potter and all the leading physicians of the city have publicly

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Primary Schools for Morning and Afternoon A Question of Salaries.

The board of public school trustees held an interesting two hour session yesterday evening, in the course of which it was decided to abolish the independent office of secretary to the board, the duties being assumed by the city superintendent, who is to be allowed an assistant at a salary of \$15 per month—this assistant being required to be on duty at the board office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, with an afternoon clear on Saturday. To relieve the congestion in certain of the schools, it was also decided to alternate the primary classes—one class meeting for instruction in the morning and another in the same class room in the afternoon. The question of considering increases in the salaries of the teachers stands over, as does also the project of the finance committee of the board looking to the adoption of the insurance reserve account system of guarantee against loss by fire, which some of the trustees regard as a very good proposition for the city council, but not for the school board.

Chairman H. B. McMicking took the chair with a full board present, at 8:03, with apologies from the trustees for having permitted the clock to strike prior to his arrival, and after the routine of reading and confirming minutes.

Applications for the office made vacant by the resignation of Secretary B. Williams—and variously described by the applicants as that of "clerk," "secretary" and "assistant superintendent"—were read and tabled from C. A. Chambers, John B. Ashby, W. H. Mason and E. O'Rourke.

The chairman also observed that he had two or three other letters of similar tenor which he would lay before the board before the final disposal of the matter.

Superintendent S. D. Pope addressed the trustees by letter in reply to a recent communication from the board stating that the executive subdivision of primary classes into morning and afternoon sessions. This letter was ordered spread upon the minutes, authority to be subsequently given to the city superintendent to carry the plan into effect. A second acknowledgment by Superintendent Pope of a letter from the board was upon the file.

Messrs. Yates and Williams informed the board of a lapsing fire insurance policy, the matter being referred to the finance committee for action; and the following important report was received from the finance committee:

"Your finance committee beg leave to report the following recommendations: 'That the city superintendent be appointed secretary of the school board, and that a secretary's assistant be appointed at a salary of \$15 a month, who shall be in attendance at the board's office every day from 9 o'clock a.m. until 5 p.m., except on Saturdays when the hours shall be from 9 o'clock a.m. until 12 noon, the present secretary's duties to terminate on March 31.'

"That the board consider the propriety of setting aside, in lieu of insurance on school buildings, the sum of \$700, as a fire insurance fund, which shall be properly invested as an immunity against loss by fire; and that in the event of this proposition being favorably considered by the board, the city council be asked to give consent thereto."

"That the accompanying draft of by-laws be adopted for the governance of the board, its standing committees, and its officers."

This report was signed by Trustees Marchant, Hall and Mrs. Wm. Grant, and being taken up seriatim the adoption of the first clause was moved.

Trustee McCandless thought the salary of the secretary's assistant should in fairness be at least \$20. Fifteen was too low to pay anyone for the work entailed upon the office. He moved the substitution of \$20 for \$15.

Trustee Marchant explained that it was proposed to increase the salary in four or six months, upon the incumbent of the office—youth or girl—proving competent.

Trustee Mrs. Wm. Grant observed that it was only on this understanding that she had subscribed to the report. Fifteen dollars assuredly appeared too little to pay for the work to be performed.

Trustee Belyea opposed on principle the incorporation of the secretary's duties with those of the school superintendent. There were grave objections to be urged against the contemplated dual office, which would destroy the independence and usefulness of the superintendent in his official capacity. As to the proposed assistant secretary, it was ridiculous to suppose that a competent or reliable officer of either sex could be obtained for \$15 a month, or something like seven cents an hour. Such an assistant would not be of much service, and the superintendent would be responsible for both his incompetency and his mistakes. To his mind it would be a more serious matter to the school board to have a member of the board assume the secretary's duties, and he for one would be prepared to endorse a motion in this direction. He would even go so far as to propose that Trustee Marchant be appointed secretary to the board.

Trustee Marchant—At \$15 a month—'Agreed to that even,' said Trustee Belyea, who completed his argument with a further protest against overburdening with a complication of conflicting duties a competent and energetic official.

Trustee Hall defended warmly the section of the report under consideration. He held that when applications for the position of superintendent were invited, the candidates for the office fully expected that the secretary's duties also would devolve upon the superintendent. It was not anticipated that a thoroughly competent official should be had for \$15 a month, but rather some young person, bright and anxious to learn, who would probably get less if starting life in a business office. He did not see that there would be any difficulty in keeping the secretary's duties apart from those of the superintendent.

The first paragraph was then adopted. Trustee Belyea alone voting "nay."

Trustee Belyea also expressed vigorous objection to paragraph 2. He cited the School Act in support of his contention that the course proposed was

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beyond the scope of the board's powers. The act stipulated that the board should insure school property and this could only be interpreted to mean insuring in an established and recognized insurance company. There certainly was no authority in the law for the board to proceed upon in organizing itself into an insurance company.

Trustee Marchant thought that this paragraph of the report was deserving of more than casual attention and moved accordingly that it be laid over. He was not prepared to dispute Trustee Belyea's interpretation of the law, but certainly approved of the recommendation on the ground of policy. But taking Trustee Belyea's cited authority—the act while providing that the trustees should insure the school property in their care, said nothing as to the method to be pursued in such insurance. The plan proposed seemed therefore quite legitimate and within the power of the board. There were certainly cogent reasons to be adduced in support of the plan proposed, for by it a great saving would be effected. Insurance had cost something over \$1,200 during 1897 alone, and even then the school buildings were not insured for anything like their value.

Trustee McCandless opposed the proposition and saw no reason why it should not be forthwith disposed of. If the city had seen fit to inaugurate such a system of insurance it would have been a very different matter—applying the system of course to all classes of public buildings. He did not think, however, that the council would, or should, permit the school board to try such an experiment. What, for example, would be the result if the proposed plan were adopted and within the year the North Ward school should burn down? Did the committee propose that it could be replaced with the \$700? Such a project was in his opinion very false economy for a school board although it would possibly be well worthy of considering by the civic authorities, to be applied to all classes of municipal buildings.

The resolution to table the paragraph for further consideration was carried, and the same course was then adopted with reference to section 3.

Later in the evening vigorous debate arose upon a report from the school management committee, in which that body stated that they had been unable to make any recommendation looking to further increases in the salaries of teachers. This report was read, and a motion was subsequently offered by Trustee Marchant that the board go into committee of the whole—not with closed doors—to consider the question involved.

Trustee Mrs. Gordon Grant seconded this resolution, while Trustee Belyea moved that the committee be asked to consider that "it is not the duty of the present time to consider any further increases in salaries."

The seconder of the original motion held that it would be most unjust not to hear and answer at any rate the arguments adduced by those teachers who were applying for increases. They were men and women, not children, and they were entitled to be treated with courtesy and consideration.

Trustee Hall conceded the merit of the teaching staff, and said that if it was agreed increases were necessary, and funds could not be raised to make them, he for one was prepared to pay for his own telephone if the others would do the same. The evening in telephone rentals and in the difference between the old secretary's salary and that of the secretary's assistant at \$15 a month would "help some."

It appeared to him, however, that nothing could be done out of the board's general revenue, as the indications were that all and more than all would be required before the close of the year. Unanticipated calls for money were continually cropping up, as for instance in connection with the re-opening of the Kingston street school.

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Trustee Marchant, closing the debate, said that all he asked was consideration for the complaint of the teachers feeling themselves aggrieved. It was only suggested that a few should be advanced, the example of 30 or 40 might be pointed to as an argument in support of this course.

The amendment of Trustees Belyea and McCandless coming to the vote, a tie resulted.

Chairman McMicking, before giving his casting vote, took some time and trouble to explain his position. His feeling was that it was not desirable to enter into the question at the present time, and yet he had hoped to see greater unanimity of opinion on the subject among the members of the board. Perhaps if the matter were left in abeyance for another week some better understanding might be come to. He had hoped that the passage of the resolution with reference to the grading of salaries would have become immediately applicable. As the matter could be brought up again at the next meeting of the board, he would exercise his right of the casting vote for the first time and support the amendment—which was carried by 4 to 3.

Then the entire matter was re-debated (informally, of course). Trustee Hall renewing his offer to pay his own telephone rent that the teachers might have the money.

Trustee Mrs. Gordon Grant said that as a result of the decision reached the city would lose one, and possibly two, of the best teachers employed.

Trustee Marchant believed it would be three, not as for Trustee Hall's proposition in regard to telephones, he looked upon it as childish and uncalled for. He thought the city could well afford to make all necessary provision for its teachers, and he would oppose paying for

his own telephone "till the crack of doom—or after it, for that matter."

The whole question will come up again at the next meeting of the board.

A report from the finance committee recommending the payment of accounts to the amount of \$508.17 was adopted without objection, and the same committee referred back to the board for further instructions an account from Yates & Jay, who claimed \$15 for professional services in attending a conference between the city council and the trustees.

There appeared to be some doubt, Trustee Marchant explained, as to whether this service had been authorized by the board. He had sent the bill to Ald. Hayward, the former chairman, and that gentleman had intimated it O. K. The messenger had said, however, that he had told Mr. Hayward that the matter was all right, and only his initials were wanted.

Trustee Belyea explained that the bill in question covered two and not three conferences. Mr. Yates, attending these with the full knowledge of all the board, and no objection being offered by any member. He moved that the account be referred back to the finance committee. Trustee Marchant seconded the motion.

Trustee McCandless thought the account should be paid without further delay or red tape; the initials of the former chairman were sufficient.

The bill went back, however, to the committee.

On the motion of Trustee Marchant, the city superintendent was authorized to proceed with the re-arrangement of the primary classes in the manner authorized by the department of education, as he found such re-arrangement necessary and desirable.

The chairman reported that he had granted permission to Miss Trotter to conduct a special education class for teachers at one of the schools; and Trustee Mrs. Gordon Grant wanted to know why the date for receiving applications for teaching positions at the Kingston street school should have been left so late as the 20th. Some time certainly should have been allowed teachers now in service to give notice if they were selected.

It was suggested that no difficulty need be anticipated on this score, as a supply class had been arranged for the vacant school.

Trustee Belyea contributed the information that this school would be ready for use by April 1. The play ground was very restricted, but there was an adjacent vacant lot, the use of which could be secured for a very moderate amount.

"What could it be purchased for?" asked the chairman. "What is the lot worth?"

"Well, I should judge it would be worth about \$400," replied Trustee Belyea, "and I presume it could be bought for about \$2,000."

"That shows Trustee Belyea's pessimistic opinion on the subject of real estate values," observed Trustee Marchant.

"Or the confidence some property owners have in the future of the city," added Trustee McCandless.

It was soon after this that the board adjourned, to meet again as soon after the 20th as may be possible.

Garrison Quadrangle Club.—The annual ball of the Garrison Quadrangle Club will be held in the racquet court, Work Point barracks, to-morrow evening.

A Black Eye.—W. J. R. Cowell, who sailed for Atlin by the Amur, carries with him a souvenir of Victoria presented on the wharf by D. Menzies, in the shape of a black eye. The occasion being failure to secure wages claimed to be due for three months' work at Mr. Cowell's stamp mill in Alberni.

Children's Cantata.—In the Centennial Methodist church last evening a large number attended the children's cantata, the programme given being a repetition of one rendered some short time ago. The event was given by the members of the Centennial Sunday school over which Mr. Noah Shakespeare presides and spoke highly for the talent of the little ones.

For the Orphans.—The ladies' committee of the British Columbia Protestant Orphans' Home thankfully acknowledge receipt of the following donations for February: Clothing, A. Fries; books, Two Children; books, clothing and apples, Mrs. H. D. Helmecken; clothing, Miss Blackburn and Mrs. John Cochran; cakes, meat and bread, Daughters of Ruth; tickets to Madame Jarley's waxworks, J. G. Brown; oranges, Mrs. W. R. Higgins; new hats and clothing, Mrs. M. A. Vigor; socks, Mrs. Wilkins; cakes, meat and bread, Court Vancouver A.O.E.; milk, Dr. E. B. Knowlton; Colunist Publishing Co., Daily Colonist; Times Publishing Co., Daily Times; jam and vegetables, A. Friend; books and games, Masters Temple; British Columbia Workman, Workman Publishing Co.

PERSONAL.

W. A. Young, manager of the Hamilton Powder company's works, Wellington, B.C. Young and son left last evening on a visit to San Francisco.

Dr. W. A. de Wolf Smith, of New Westminster, is registered at the Diarr.

Dr. R. E. McKee, of Nanaimo, came down on the train yesterday.

G. M. King and wife, of Rossland, are at the Diarr.

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CONDITIONS AT ATLIN.

The facts set out in the interview with Mr. W. W. Grime, published in yesterday's Colonist, call for the serious and immediate consideration of the government. While the Colonist can claim to have pointed out months ago that such difficulties would arise and that just such hardships would confront the Atlin pioneers, unless very prompt action was taken, it does not propose to be unreasonable now and condemn the administration in advance. A satisfactory solution of all the difficulties may be discovered and applied and we shall withhold comment until there has been time for action. Meanwhile, if the Colonist may be allowed to make a suggestion on the subject, we propose that the Hon. Mr. Hume, who is better acquainted with the requirements of a new mining country than any other member of the government, should be despatched to the North with plenipotentiary powers in regard to the grievances arising out of the townships. We think the public generally would feel confidence in Mr. Hume's judgment in such matters and his sense of fair play.

It will be a grievous thing if the men, who have spent the winter in Atlin and expended all their means, are to find their labor and outlay in vain. It will be hard enough for the unfortunate aliens, who went in and prospected placers in good faith, to lose the results of their labors. The evil ought to be minimized as much as possible, and prompt action only can do that.

A MISTAKEN POLICY.

The natural desire of news correspondents is to send out something that will be attractive enough to be published. The result is that too often they permit their imagination to supplement facts to a degree that renders their stories wholly misleading. We have before us an Associated Press despatch from Vancouver relating to the Deadman's Island affair. There is not much in it that is absolutely untrue, for the incorrect statements, or those that are probably incorrect, are covered by saving clauses. The whole story, however, is told in a way to suggest that an outrageous piece of maladministration has been committed in defiance of the expressed wishes of the people of Vancouver and the rights of the Imperial government, and the suggestion is made that this was only brought about by the lavish use of money. In addition to all this the accidental presence of H. M. S. Pheasant in port is alleged to "complicate matters." The story is a very interesting one, and the Associated Press will take such matters as often as it is sent out. Now as we all know here, the Deadman's Island affair has no sensational features. Some sharp capitalists secured a lease of the island from the federal government, which undoubtedly granted it without giving the matter such consideration as it ought to have received. Certainly the government was much to blame in this respect, and we do not see that Sir Wilfrid Laurier's explanation makes the case any better. It was the duty of the government, before granting the lease, to ascertain how it would be regarded by the people of Vancouver. But this is not a sensational matter. It is only a fresh instance of the careless manner in which the present government deals with matters affecting British Columbia, and this will continue until the claims of the province to a seat in the cabinet have been recognized. The lease having been granted, the people of Vancouver learned of it for the first time, and a good deal of feeling has been exhibited over it. There seems to be some difference of opinion as to the desirability from a public standpoint of allowing the lease to stand, the weight of opinion apparently being against it. There was a little talk about a bribe being offered to an alderman, which was promptly denied.

We refer to this matter because it is the latest exhibition of the mistaken policy of certain press correspondents, and wish to enter a protest against this sort of sensationalism. It does the prov-

ince much harm. Wrong impressions of the community are created by it. We do not think that there is any political animus behind the sending out of the story. So far as we have observed the correspondents who deal in such exaggerations are not particular what political party they reflect upon. The idea is to make saleable copy. With every sympathy for the desire of the young men to earn money, we submit to them that they are pursuing a mistaken policy from their own standpoint; for sooner or later they will be exposed, and they will then find their occupation gone. Besides they ought to feel more loyalty to the community in which they live than the sending out of such calumnies upon it implies.

AN EXPLANATION.

The question of the Columbian as to the attitude of the Colonist on the exclusion of aliens from our placers is a perfectly proper one. The Colonist was the first paper, if we remember correctly, to suggest that effect should be given to the demand for the exclusion of aliens from our gold mines, by limiting it to placers. It invited an expression of opinion from its contemporaries, and published what was said. The numerical weight of opinion was against the suggestion, and our esteemed New Westminster contemporary was among the dissenting majority. When the measure was promised in the Speech, the Colonist expressed its approval of the idea, but when the bill was brought down it saw that the provisions were of the crudest possible kind and calculated to work great injustice. Fuller investigation into the probable operation of the proposed law led the Colonist to the conclusion that it might have been hasty in forming its opinion, and that the Columbian and others, who took a contrary view, might be in the right. That is its attitude to-day. It has very great doubt indeed of the value of the law as passed to the business interests of British Columbia. If this admission implies that the Colonist admits that it may have been in error, we shall have to plead guilty; but at the same time desire to assure the Columbian that, if at any time the Colonist thinks it has been hasty in reaching a conclusion on any subject, it will frankly say so. It makes no pretence to be infallible, and has no fear of the bugbear "inconsistency," which prevents so many people from acknowledging that they have made a mistake.

PILOTAGE.

Commenting on the discussion at the council of the board of trade, the Colonist said yesterday that vessels lying in the Royal Roads were subject to compulsory pilotage. This is not the case, as the following extract from the pilotage regulations will show:

"(b) Compulsory payment of pilotage dues is not chargeable against vessels while in Royal Roads, unless such vessels shall enter either or both the harbors of Victoria and Esquimalt."

"(i) When a vessel is bound to or from any other port in the province, either laden or in ballast, and does not discharge or receive any cargo, passengers or mails, but simply enters it as a harbor of refuge, such vessel shall be exempt from pilotage into and out of Esquimalt, excepting in cases where a pilot is actually engaged by the master for such services."

Regulation 18 (a) provides that "vessels bound to other ports and coming to an anchor in Royal Roads, the pilotage shall be free, except where the services of a pilot are employed."

The whole question of pilotage probably requires to be looked into, and the Colonist will make some enquiries about it.

NORTHERN TRAFFIC.

Under the above caption the Daily Globe of this city prints the following article:

The Colonist thinks that inasmuch as there is likely to be great activity in the Atlin country the next few years, and a permanent population locate in that section, it would be well for the Coast cities to take into consideration the necessity of providing better transportation facilities. The Colonist suggested that the C. P. N. Company or some other Victoria concern put on a fast steamer from Skagway to Victoria.

It occurs to the Globe that the people of Victoria might well consider, now that the northern country is being so rapidly developed, whether it would not be a good plan to extend the E. & N. railway to the north of the island. The extension of the road would open up a large area of good country, both for the settler and the prospector, and shorten the time to northern ports from the Sound cities and Victoria very materially.

A gentleman thoroughly conversant with northern navigation informs the Globe that at least 24 hours would be saved in the trip from Victoria to Skagway if the road were extended to the northern end of the island. The Globe hopes that this suggestion will receive consideration by the citizens, as Victoria's welfare undoubtedly depends to a large extent upon her ability to hold her own in competition for the rapidly increasing trade with the North. The Globe has done well to bring this matter again under the attention of the people of this city. A few years ago we were all agreed as to the importance of having railway connection extended to the northern end of Vancouver Island, and then we had not heard of the Klondike and the Atlin country. We shall make further reference to this, and hope to see the Globe continue to direct public attention to it. Just now it may be suggested that, in view of the claim on Canada which Victoria and the Island will have by reason of the extinction of the sealing industry in the near future, a federal subsidy to such a line of railway would not be an unreasonable thing to ask.

The decision of the Dominion government to proceed at once with the construction of a line of telegraph from Quesnelle to Dawson will meet with gen-

eral approval, although it will interfere with some private enterprises looking to the same end. If work is begun at all available points, it ought not to take very long to push the line through. The points are Bennett, work to be done both north and south; the Stikine, work to be done both north and south; the Skeena, work to be done both north and south, and the two termini. If this plan of construction is adopted, the line can be built in a comparatively short time. It is difficult to say which portion of the line is the more important, that from Bennett north or from Bennett south. In view of the prospects of the immediate growth on a large scale of Atlin, we are inclined to think that perhaps the southern end would meet the immediate necessities of the case to a greater extent than the other. But this is a matter of opinion, and doubtless both parts will be pushed through at the earliest possible date.

Most of the despatches about the Kiplings have simply been an appeal to the morbid curiosity of the public. It was said that the little girl should die; but many little girls die under just as sad-sounding circumstances. The subject seems hardly one for editorial treatment or the sending out of long despatches, in the preparation of which the ingenuity of the writer is exhausted in condensing paths within the limits of a news message. The world, or at least the American part of it, is growing positively silly on the subject of news. The rivalry of the great papers, that is great in bulk, has led to the "featuring" of all sorts of things. Nothing is sacred from the pen of the space writer or the pencil of the illustrator. Nine-tenths of the stuff is fiction pure and simple; but people read it all and look eagerly for the next batch.

The French ambassador at London propounded a salutary truth when he said that the people, not the governments, make war and peace nowadays. We all, or at least all of us who have not outlived the recollection of more primitive days, recall the old song "Jeanette and Jeanot," in which Jeanette sighed for the times that come when

"If kings must show their might,
Let those who make the quarrels be
The only ones to fight."

That time has not come and will never come, for the day has passed when war is made so that kings may show their might, but it has come about that those who make the quarrels do the fighting. Hence the disposition to avoid quarrelling. Universal democracy would mean universal peace.

There is much speculation as to the result of the request proffered by Italy for a coaling station on the Chinese coast. The despatches create the impression that matters are in a critical stage, but the cry of "wolf" has been raised so often in connection with Oriental affairs that every one is shy about taking much stock in it.

Something must be done to make the frequenters of the gallery in the Victoria theatre behave themselves better. There will not be much difficulty in convincing them that they must make less noise. We hope not to have to speak of this again.

TEST OF THE LIBERAL MEMBERS.

From the Montreal Star.

Such Liberal members of parliament as still profess the Liberal party when it is in opposition, will find their last sure opportunity to assert themselves and give proofs of their sincerity at this coming session. Parliament is about to meet with a rising revenue, and falling national exports with a year of extraordinary expenditure just passed in which there was nevertheless a surplus of revenue over current expenditures; with another year of lavish expenditure drawing to a close; with, in short, every fiscal circumstance calling loudly to the finance minister to withstand the temptation to squander his budget revenue, and to rigidly retrench. Unless he resigns before the next session, in which a people free from debt should pile up a great surplus against any coming need. For a people whose debt is a large and growing one, it will afford an opportunity to make hay while the sun shines, and to inaugurate a policy of courageous debt-reduction.

If our revenue is to keep anywhere near its present volume, the next session will be one, at all events, in which we should look confidently for a real surplus—a "surplus" that takes account of all expenditure and does not figure in a financial statement side by side with a description of another journey to the money-lenders.

The fact that the exports are falling off, may indicate a falling revenue in the future; and this is an additional reason why, in preparing the estimates for 1899-1900, the government should summon up the pluck to shut the door on men with railroads to sell and schemes to foist on the country, and should sit down to the task with some of that zeal of economy they were so ready to recommend to others.

Whether they will do this or not, depends upon the conduct of the men behind them. If the ministers are left to themselves, it does not take much of a prophet to say that they will not do it. It is an open secret that the masters of this administration were warm friends of a spending policy. They have rushed the expenditure up since they got into power in a way to make the old Tories gasp, and they would have done much more reckless work if the Senate had not barred the path. They believe—and in moments of frankness they preach—that the way to keep in power in this country is to spend plenty of money. In other words, they go upon the theory that the people are fools who are delighted to be taxed and mortgaged in order that a portion of the spoil thus collected may be expended in their midst on works mainly intended for the benefit of ministerial camp-followers.

Hence a rising revenue will never suggest "economy" to the rising ministers. But the Liberal members who sit behind them, and who have some respect left for the traditions of the party, can and should even this government to rein up if they make a determined effort. They hold the life of the administration in the hollows of their hands. The ministers cannot trample upon every principle of historic Liberalism, unless the Liberal members of parliament permit it.

It will not do for these Liberal members of parliament to go before their constituents at the next election and say: "It is

true that the government did so and so, but we could not help it." Every supporter of the administration is responsible for every act of the administration which he does not oppose in open session. And with this next session will come—as we have said before—the last sure chance of these Liberal members of parliament to prove their sincere devotion to the principles upon which many of them have been elected again and again. It is the critical fourth session. There may be another, but there may not. Then their eyes are now entirely open. They might have pleaded at first that their astonishment made them dumb, or that they did not realize what the government was doing; but now it must be clear, even to them, that they have a cabinet of spendthrifts to watch. This coming session will fill the purse for that "next year" when all and sundry are invited by Mr. Tarte to "watch us"—the government, if the Liberal members, who profess to be Liberal in something more than name, do not accept this candid invitation—to them it will read more like a challenge—and do some effective "watching," they must not complain when the people hold them jointly responsible for the total disregard of Liberal principles, the flagrant treachery to Liberal voters and the insolent refusal to heed Liberal protests against both these courses, which have characterized from the beginning the ministers in the Laurier administration.

The Liberal member with the best of motives and the highest principles need not expect these to save him if he fails to fight against the betrayal and the negation of both by the Liberal ministers.

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When Earth was young and Eros held
(Him) Psyche won and others, too,
They found things dull as I've been told
'Psyche' did not know what she would do
At nights to keep at home her hub,
(He would keep going to his club).
At last she thought to spank the twins,
And Eros found out (for his sins)
Each chanting in a different key,
Made most bewitching melody:
Enchanted thus by joys of home,
He ne'er again was prone to roam.
The art of music thus begun
Has grown, like all things 'neath the sun,
'Till long-haired and clever,
The circle it hath now completed.
And hence our raptured ears are greeted,
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Applications for the position of City Engineer and Water Works Engineer for the Corporation of the City of Victoria will be received at the office of the undersigned until the 13th day of March next at 1 p.m.
Applications to be accompanied by testimonials, references, etc., which will be returned to the unsuccessful applicants. For this purpose each applicant will state the address to which, in the event of his application not being accepted, he desires his testimonials to be sent.
The Corporation reserves to itself the right to reject any or all applications. The salary attached to the position will be \$208.33 1-3 per month.
By order,
WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
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We have received our spring stock of

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Savannah, Photo.

Postponed a Week.—Owing to the Full

court being in session yesterday and all

the judges being in consequence engaged,

the case of Elzeur Tetu, charged with

arson, which was to have come on before

the speedy trials court, was adjourned

for a week.

Only a Roof Fire.—Shortly after noon

yesterday the fire brigade were called

to the home of Mr. Croickshank on Fred-

erick street just above Quadra, where

sparks from the chimney had been re-

sponsible for a merry roof blaze. The

damage through sharp work on the part

of the brigade was confined to about ten

dollars.

Manager Lipscombe.—Mr. James Lips-

combe, who has been in the Western

Union Telegraph office in this city since

it was opened a year ago, and has re-

cently been acting as night manager,

has been appointed manager of the com-

pany's office at Port Townsend. He will

leave for that city next week to enter

upon his new duties. His successor has

not yet been named.

That Domestic Trouble.—Alfred Deakin

and his wife having failed to arbitrate

their domestic differences as advised by

Magistrate Hall, the couple appeared in

the police court yesterday. Mrs. Deakin

charging her husband with the use of

threatening language. Mr. Deakin posi-

tively and distinctly denied the allega-

tion of his spouse, and the information

was thereupon dismissed.

Real Estate Sale.—At noon to-day Mr.

Joshua Davies, auctioneer, will offer for

sale at the board of trade rooms a lot

of desirable residence property on the

Saarich, Burnside and Garbally roads.

Duneden and Elizabeth streets. The

property is described as 19 lots in block 5,

section 5; 10 lots in block 6, section 5 and

one acre in lot No. 3, section 4, Victoria

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roomed cottage; on lot 4, block 6 a six

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UNSUITABLE SALOONS.

No More License Transfers for Seven Ramshackle Buildings.

A Heavy List of Business Disposed Of by the Commissioners.

There are a number of smaller saloons in Victoria—chiefly patronized by the water front habitués—which in the opinion of the licensing commissioners are both unsightly and a disgrace to the localities in which they are situated. In order that these eyesores may be removed as speedily as possible, the commissioners at their quarterly meeting yesterday decided to reduce the value of the premises in question by ordering that hereafter no transfer of license will be given for them. The saloons named are these:

North Pacific, corner of Yates and Wharf streets.
Albion, corner of Yates street and Waddington alley.
Albion, Herald street.
Jubilee, Johnson street.
Tautonia, Government street.
Lighthouse, corner of Store and Comorant, and
Price of Wales, corner of Government street and Comorant.

The commissioners gave mature consideration before dealing with these houses, being heartily agreed as to the unsatisfactory condition of the premises in question, and taking their authority for the action finally decided upon from section 14 of the Liquor Traffic Regulation act, which reads:

"Hereafter when a license or any transfer of license is applied for, the licensing authority shall satisfy itself that the premises in respect of which the license or transfer is sought are suitable for carrying on the business, and shall not so grant the license or transfer unless so satisfied."

In the case of the Hall saloon, on Fort street, for which Mr. J. P. Walls has secured a temporary transfer and selling permit from the mayor, it developed that the present holder of the license is now in Yokohama, and application for the same was accordingly refused, and to revive the license it will be necessary for the owner of the premises to make application under the provisions of section 13 of the act.

No one appeared to ask for an extension of the temporary permit given Alfred Wood, the successor to "Denver," Ed. Smith in the proprietorship of the Colist hotel, Beacon hill park. The existing permit was accordingly ratified, but not extended, and unless Mr. Wood bestir himself very energetically today his selling power will be no more. The transfer applied for was granted without debate in the following cases:

Dawson hotel—From F. J. Dawley to Edwin Davis.

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California hotel—From Walter Martin to Joseph T. Pearce.

Adelphi saloon—From F. W. Stubbs to Henry Harris.

Germania saloon—From E. G. Walker to William Thimison.

Royal saloon—From J. V. and Walter Millington to Alfred Kendall.

White Horse saloon—John Walsh to James M. Barker.

North Pacific saloon—David Dale to Richard Lawson.

Brown Jug saloon—From Michael Powers to J. B. Simpson.

Jubilee saloon—From Joseph Ball to John McPherson and Hugh Simpson.

Clarence hotel—From A. R. McDonald to James Adam and John Skinner.

In the following cases the temporary permits were confirmed and extended to the next sitting of the board:

Telegraph hotel—From Charles de la Haye to Frederick Sturm.

Colonist hotel—From Edward Smith to Alfred Wood.

Empire hotel—From A. P. Briggs to Edgar George Walker.

Shoe saloon—From E. Q. R. Quagliotti to C. P. LeVie.

Mirror saloon—From E. E. Leason to H. H. Tyson.

Commercial hotel—From Edward Marsh to William Field.

Everett's Exchange—From F. Smith to Joseph Ball.

Rock Bay hotel—From F. J. Brock to G. B. Harrison.

This list is perhaps the longest record of any single day's business in the history of the licensing commission. It is taken to indicate poor business among the smaller saloons, where a change of proprietors is only to be expected, and in every way I think we could not have a better man to help us. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Guy Oswald Smith seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

The chairman—I have also to move: "That Mr. T. G. Gillespie, who retired by retaining in accordance with the deed of settlement, be re-elected." You will at once see the delicacy I have here; I cannot say more for my dear old cousin than that he is a good fellow and an attentive colleague and director. He is always ready to help, and he has a good head on his shoulders. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. W. C. Ward seconded the resolution, which was put and carried unanimously.

Mr. Walker next proposed: "That Mr. Wyndham Gibbs and Mr. R. Cumming be re-elected auditors for the ensuing year, at a remuneration of £75 each."

Mr. Chalmers seconded the motion, which was also agreed to.

Dr. Drysdale—I should like to propose a vote of thanks to the directors, for the very careful way in which they have managed the bank. Of course we should like a higher dividend, but we have the advantage of knowing that the directors are exceedingly safe men. What we wish as shareholders is, first of all, to have safety, and then to get a good dividend. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. T. C. Dunn seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation.

The chairman—Gentlemen, on behalf of my colleagues and myself, I return to you my most hearty thanks for this renewed expression of your confidence. To my friend, Dr. Drysdale, I shall use the Scotch expression, "bide a wee." I think we are looking in the distance better times. We have had a good deal of business, and very great and keen competition, but we hold our own and have not lost heart. I hope before long we shall be able to give better dividends, and I cannot say more. I thank you cordially for your presence today. The meeting then separated.

A GOOD REPORT.

"My mother was troubled with rheumatism in her knee for a number of years, and it broke out into a running sore. She has taken three bottles of Wood's Sarsaparilla, and now she is almost entirely cured. I am so much better, and I think I can go to the office again. I have had a very great and keen competition, but we hold our own and have not lost heart. I hope before long we shall be able to give better dividends, and I cannot say more. I thank you cordially for your presence today. The meeting then separated."

Wood's Pills cure nausea, sick headache, biliousness, indigestion, constipation.

An Emergency Hospital Provided and Already Well People.

In a letter just received from Mr. Montague Martin, dated Glenora, February 25, he says:

"Three weeks ago a case of scurvy was reported to Judge Porter, the sufferer being an unfortunate Klondiker. Since that date quite an epidemic has broken out, which has necessitated Judge Porter opening a hospital, the headquarters being at Glenora."

"Thirteen cases have come under Dr. Layton's care. Dr. Layton is a graduate of the College of Medicine, Detroit, Mich., and is a most efficient medical officer. Mr. Louis Watson has been put in as nurse and superintendent. Mr. Watson has always a pleasant greeting and is kind and gentle in his manners. When I visited the hospital I was struck by the general cheerfulness of the humble sanitarium."

"The hospital is naturally merely a log cabin, but unlike most miners' cabins, it has plenty of light, good ventilation, and an even temperature is kept up. The patients seemed to be having a really good time; they looked cheerful, color was returning to their cheeks, and satisfactory progress towards recovery was shown in the interest many were taking in the books and journals that had been supplied them."

"Malcolm Maclean, the head of the police, has been instrumental in bringing the patients in, one from the half-way house on the Indian trail, one from the Hudson Bay post, several from the Taltan, three local, and one from Glacier creek. I think to Judge Porter much praise is due for his humane organization."

BANK OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Satisfactory Report to Annual Meeting, Though Not Quite Up to Expectations.

From The Financier, Feb. 10, 1899.

The ordinary general meeting of the proprietors of the Bank of British Columbia was held yesterday at the City Terminal hotel, Canon street, Sir Robert Gillespie (the chairman) presiding.

Mr. S. Cameron Alexander (secretary and manager) read the notice calling the meeting.

The chairman said: Gentlemen, the directors have invited you to meet them today to submit to you the report and statement of accounts for the half-year ended on the 31st December last. These have been in your hands for the last few days, and I have no doubt have received your attentive consideration and I also hope your approval. (Applause.) The result of the half-year's business has hardly reached the expectations of your directors, especially with the revival and progress of the commercial interests of the colony of British Columbia are considered, but this may be accounted for in great measure by the keen competition we have had to encounter from the Eastern Canadian banks that have so recently been established in that country, and the consequent reduced rates of interest and other attractions offered to secure business. Of course, gentlemen, this is a condition of things we must be prepared to meet, and up to the present time, I am glad to say, we hold our own in the trading community. (Applause.)

The account we now submit to you, made up to the 31st December last, of liabilities and assets indicates, I think, financial strength, showing as it does a large percentage of available assets to meet any immediate liability; this will, I am sure, be considered a satisfactory feature. (Applause.)

The dividend for the half-year ended 31st December, 1898, will absorb the sum of £15,000, leaving a balance of £3,735 10s. 4d. to be carried forward to next half-year. In connection with the accounts, I may mention that we have reduced the charges account by £1,540 since June, 1897. Before sitting down I will move a resolution as to the dividend. I have already briefly alluded to the revival that has taken place during the past year in the trade of British Columbia, and I may add that there is strong evidence of further and increasing activity and progress this season in the rural, agricultural and mining interests of that country. The only interest that suffered last year was the salmon fisheries, from the fact of a very short run of fish, and thus the canneries have been left with a large proportion of their supplies on hand, which they are endeavoring to dispose of this coming season. I am glad to be able to include the state of California in the improvement I have just referred to; heavy rains have at last fallen, and business is resuming its active career there. The late war also restricted business both of the farmer and the miner. The mining outlook all over British Columbia is satisfactory and encouraging, and the development in the mines has brought to view, in many instances, large bodies of ore of various minerals that promise a continuance of increasing output, and the completion of railways under construction, and those projected, will enable many valuable properties to swell later returns. The prospecting work done in divisions not traversed by railways is also going on, and satisfies those best acquainted with the country that mining in British Columbia is as yet only in its infancy stage. Agriculture in British Columbia never appeared more favorable for success than at the present time. The increased demand of the past two years, and the good crops, have done much toward re-establishing the confidence of the farmer, and the harvest of 1898 was good, and this, following the previous year's large crop, has materially improved the agricultural interests of the country. On a review, therefore, of the whole position of things in British Columbia and California, I think I may fairly hope for the present year an improved and more encouraging future than we have lately experienced, and I trust I may see these anticipations fully realized. I beg to move: "That the report and statement of accounts, as now submitted, be received and adopted." (Applause.)

Henry J. Gardner seconded the resolution, which was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

The chairman—I have next to move: "That a dividend be paid on the paid-up capital of the bank at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, free of income tax, for the half-year ended 31st December last, payable on and after the 15th instant."

Mr. T. G. Gillespie seconded the resolution, which was also agreed to.

The chairman—I have great pleasure in proposing the re-election of my friend, Mr. Henry J. Gardner, as a director, and I have no doubt that the directors will be glad to have a most valuable and attentive colleague and director. He is always ready to help, and he has a good head on his shoulders. (Hear, hear.)

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The chairman—Gentlemen, on behalf of my colleagues and myself, I return to you my most hearty thanks for this renewed expression of your confidence. To my friend, Dr. Drysdale, I shall use the Scotch expression, "bide a wee." I think we are looking in the distance better times. We have had a good deal of business, and very great and keen competition, but we hold our own and have not lost heart. I hope before long we shall be able to give better dividends, and I cannot say more. I thank you cordially for your presence today. The meeting then separated.

A GOOD REPORT.

"My mother was troubled with rheumatism in her knee for a number of years, and it broke out into a running sore. She has taken three bottles of Wood's Sarsaparilla, and now she is almost entirely cured. I am so much better, and I think I can go to the office again. I have had a very great and keen competition, but we hold our own and have not lost heart. I hope before long we shall be able to give better dividends, and I cannot say more. I thank you cordially for your presence today. The meeting then separated."

Wood's Pills cure nausea, sick headache, biliousness, indigestion, constipation.

GRAND LODGE A.O.U.W.

Annual Session Opened in the Workmen's Hall Yesterday Morning.

Reports of the Officers and Committee Received and Discussed—Conclusion To-day.

The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of British Columbia opened in the society's hall, Yates street, yesterday morning and continued throughout the evening. Grand Master Workman Alexander Stewart presided and besides the grand officers the following representatives were in attendance:

Geo. Gawley, Victoria.
A. M. Bullock, Vancouver.
M. Fraser, New Westminster.
M. McIntyre, New Westminster.
Jno. Hilbert, Nanaimo.
D. Daley, Nanaimo.
J. W. Fleming, Spring Ridge, Victoria.
T. H. Trahey, Victoria West.
Thos. Houghton, Trail.
J. Irving, Vancouver.
H. Benson, Delta.
The Nelson Carter, Port Haney.
E. Weddell, Kelowna.

The morning session was occupied in receiving the reports of the committee on credentials and the Grand Master and the supreme representatives, the latter being referred to the committee on distribution.

The afternoon session opened at 1:30, when the reports of the officers for the present year were considered and duly passed. Considerable discussion took place on the suggestions contained in the Grand Master Workman's report in reference to the employment of a grand organizer. Finally the matter was laid over for future discussion.

The question of extra hazardous risks was also discussed, and the reports of special committees were dealt with.

The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m. to meet at 8 p.m.

The evening session commenced at 8 sharp. The report of the committee on laws was the first question taken up and other matters of vital importance to the order were discussed during the evening, after which the meeting adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock to-day.

Mr. Jones will photograph the Grand Lodge officers this morning.

The Ancient Order of United Workmen are doing good work in British Columbia and during the last year have been the means of driving poverty from the homes of many of its members, who have died and had it not been for the distribution of the funds of the order many widows and children would have been sufferers.

It is expected that the final business of this eighth session will draw to a close to-day.

Mme GILBERT'S CASE

Dodd's Kidney Pills Were Her Only Hope.

They Cured Her After Three Years of Very Severe Suffering—Made Her Strong and Well—She Used Only Three Boxes.

Montreal, March 8.—That Dodd's Kidney Pills are rapidly winning a place as the ladies' favorite medicine is strikingly shown by the many cordial testimonials sent to the Dodd's Medicine Co. by ladies who have been cured by them.

One of the latest to make her experience public is Mme. Alda Gilbert, the well known and popular model, 335 Cadieux street.

Mme. Gilbert writes as follows: "I have been greatly troubled with Female Weakness for the past three years, and it seemed as if I had no hope of ever getting over the trouble. However, I was fortunate enough to hear of Dodd's Kidney Pills. I was told by a friend who had used them that they would cure me, and in the hope that they would I purchased a box of them."

"A few days' use convinced me that I had found just what I needed. I kept on using them till I had taken three boxes. I then stopped taking them, being entirely cured, strong and well."

"You may publish this if you so desire."

Other ladies who feel the use of a medicine that will clear out all impurities from the blood, set the kidneys working properly and bring health and strength in place of sickness and weakness, will find Dodd's Kidney Pills just what they need.

Dodd's Kidney Pills are sold by all druggists at fifty cents a box, six boxes \$2.50, or sent, on receipt of price, by The Dodd's Medicine Co., Limited, Toronto.

INCONVENIENT FOR CITIZENS.

Tramway Traffic Suspended Over the Rock Bay Bridge.

The electric tramway company were somewhat surprised yesterday by the receipt of a communication from the civic authorities advising them that the Rock Bay bridge being adjudged no longer safe for heavy traffic, the operation of their cars over that structure would hereafter be at the company's risk.

Not being desirous of assuming such responsibility, the management promptly decided not to use the bridge, and accordingly those who wish to travel between the city proper and the western suburb or Esquimalt will from now on be required to walk over the rickety bridge for safety's sake.

Two cars will be kept on the other side, and the service will be maintained as well as it is possible under the discouraging conditions. Naturally the public will be the chief sufferers, more particularly the men of the Imperial service and the lady patrons who depend implicitly on the trams for transportation home on rainy theatre nights.

Manager Goward is now expecting daily a strong notification with regard to the James Bay bridge, and is anxious that some definite arrangement may be made for the assurance of a continuous service.

Six months ago his company offered to build a separate bridge across Rock Bay for their own use only, their proposition not being entertained, however. It had been, the cars would have been continuously operated and citizens saved great inconvenience during the construction of a new city bridge.

Three months later both the company and the city submitted bridge plans to Ottawa, with regard to which no decision has yet been announced, and the company at the same time asked the city to repair the old bridge so that it might be safe for all classes of traffic until other means of communication could be obtained.

What will now be done remains to be disclosed.

FOR THE GOLD FIELDS.

Shipload of Passengers and Freight Leaves Last Evening and Another Goes To-day.

The Miowera Calls To-day En Route to Australia—Naval Coal Experiment.

Atlin-bound prospectors were the preponderating element in the crowd which left en route to the northern gold fields on the steamer Amur late last night. The ship was nearly full of passengers and freight, her hold containing, amongst other cargo, 14 head of horses and 26 dogs. A partial list of passengers is as follows: F. Dickinson, E. P. Colley, F. Ewart, W. J. R. Cowell, James McNamee, H. C. McLeod, J. Abernethy, F. Broderick, A. McKay, Mrs. Chivillan, A. R. Lode, G. Thorne, James Smith, William Smith, C. Gardner, C. E. Gardner, J. H. Watson, P. E. Jarson, O. Graham, J. Ball, C. Rivaz, C. W. Dellgreen, E. Larsen, J. Thayer, C. Loyer, C. Gouroy, D. R. McGrimmon, J. K. Conde, W. McGill, B. C. Howell, James Hogg, H. M. Wilson, J. R. Noot, J. Marshall, J. A. McNeil, H. Lenton, J. Whiteford, John Delaney and Thomas Homer. A large number of the foregoing are Americans who bought outfits in Victoria.

SMOKELESS COAL.

This morning the freighting steamer Oscar goes up to Vancouver for a cargo of Crow's Nest coal, which is coming consigned to Her Majesty's navy. The coal is supposed to be smokeless, and will be tested and reported on by the officers. Some eight months or so ago a small shipment was brought down from a point on the C. P. R. and experimented with, but with what success is not stated. The Oscar arrived from the Fraser last evening with a cargo of produce.

TO RUN ON THE YUKON.

Captain George W. Shaver, of this city, who is here for Seattle, from which point he will go North in a few weeks to take charge of the steamer Columbian on the Yukon river for the Canadian Development Company, says the Portland Oregonian. Captain Shaver ran that steamer on the Yukon last year. He will await the return of H. Maitland Kersey, manager of the company, from London, and will go North with him.

MARINE NOTES.

Steamer Danube will sail for Northern points this evening with the second shipload of Atlin prospectors and Klondikers to leave Victoria this week. A large number of young Victorians who are going to Atlin will be among her passengers, as also a Seattle party who is staying at the Dominion and which it is understood is going to some new gold diggings on the upper Skeena. The members of this party seem sworn to secrecy regarding their movements.

Pilots will be looking to-day for the steam collier Wyndol, which has just come out of the dry dock in San Francisco and is on her way to Nanaimo for coal. On her last down trip from Nanaimo the steamer is said to have struck and to have had a hole 20x19 inches knocked in her bottom and her keel plate destroyed.

The steamer Charmer did not arrive until 11 last evening, having waited in Vancouver for four hours for the Eastern train.

On the 1st instant the British ship Acamas, Capt. Nelson, which left here in October, reached Liverpool with the first salmon cargo shipped to England last fall. Four other salmon carriers are well under way on the same voyage.

The P. R. was yesterday advised of the Ethiopian's arrival at New York during the early part of the day.

There is nothing which vanity does not tow around to the outer wharf by the tug Mammie yesterday.

Steamer Miowera will be in port to-day on her way to Sydney, N.S.W., and way ports. Despite the strong current from the Sound she will go well loaded.

ENTERED.

Str. Charmer from Vancouver.

Str. Kingston from Port Townsend.

Str. Danube from Port Townsend.

CLEARED.

Str. Charmer for Vancouver.

Str. Kingston for Port Townsend.

Str. Queen City for West Coast.

DR. CHASE CURES CATARRH AFTER OPERATIONS FAIL.

Toronto, March 16, 1897.

My boy, aged 14, has been a sufferer from catarrh, and lately we submitted him to an operation at the general hospital. Since then we have resorted to Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure, and one box of this medicine has made a prompt and complete cure.

H. G. FORD.

Foreman Cowan Ave. Fire Hall.

PREFERABLE EXPRESSIONS.

It is better to say "About six weeks later" than "Some six weeks later."

It is better to say "Of what use is this to us?" than "What use is this to us?"

It is better to say "I am going to the city" than "I am going down into the city."

It is better to say "I remember meeting him" than "I remember of meeting him."

It is better to say "I am studying the subject" than "I am studying up on the subject."

It is better to say "The lowlands along the river were overflowed" than "The lowlands were overflowed."

It is better to say "It is not probable that he will be elected" than "He does not stand any chance of election."

It is better to say "His speech was characterized by eloquence" than "His speech was characterized with eloquence."

It is better to say "The law was enacted in the same year that I was born" than "The law was enacted the same year I was born."

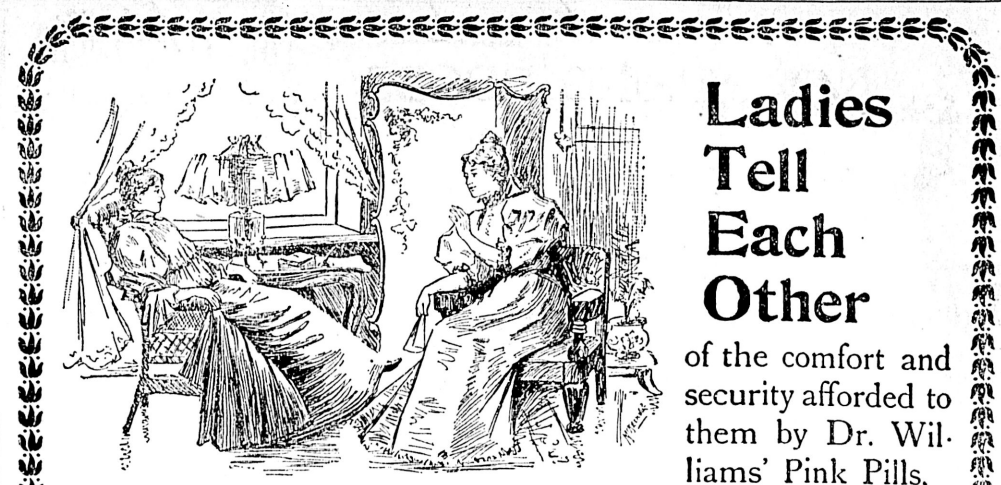
It is better to say "You can not do otherwise than follow my suggestion" than "You can not do otherwise but follow my suggestion."

It is better to say "They live on this side of the river" than "They live on this side the river."

It is better to say "He died of consumption" than "He died with consumption." It is correct to say "He is afflicted with rheumatism" and "He suffers from rheumatism."

It is better to say "The four children divided the apples among them" than "The four children divided the apples between them." Two persons may divide things between them.

It is better to say "There was no use in asking his permission" than "There was no use of asking his permission." It would be better still to say "The request for his permission was unavailing."



Ladies Tell Each Other

of the comfort and security afforded to them by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Headaches and Backaches that come expectedly or unexpectedly are charmed away, and the rich, red blood made by

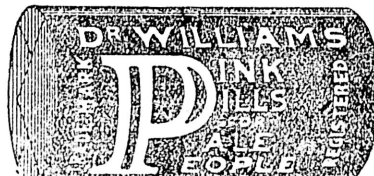
Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People

shows itself in the rosy cheeks and clear, bright eyes of those who use them. These pills are not a purgative; they give strength instead of taking it away. They act directly on the blood and nerves; invigorate the body; regulate the functions, and restore health and strength to the exhausted woman when every effort of the physician proves unavailing. Mothers anxious for the healthy development of their growing girls should insist upon their taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

IN A DECLINE.

Mrs. W. Goodwin, Argyle Sound, N.S., says:—"After the birth of my first child I was in poor health and unable to recover my strength. I had a severe pain in my left side and lung, which almost made it impossible for me to breathe. I had a bad cough day and night, and was troubled with night sweats, and on awakening found myself very weak. My complexion was sallow, and my appetite entirely gone. All my friends believed me in a decline. Our family physician attended me for a long time but I got no better. Then a friend advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Acting on this advice I bought a supply, and continued their use for a couple of months, when my health was fully restored. I am sincere in saying that I believe Dr. Williams' Pink Pills saved my life."

The wonderful success of this remedy has led to many attempts at imitation and substitution, but these never cured anyone. Refuse any package that does not bear the full name "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People." Put up in packages that look like the engraving on the right, the wrapper printed in red ink. Sold by all dealers, but if in doubt send to the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., and they will be mailed post paid at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE CORBIN RAILWAY.

Sir: I see by the Colonist Mr. Corbin is trying to obtain all the support he can from Victoria merchants in favor of his last scheme to take away the precious metals of British Columbia from the province to the States, and that he has succeeded in bamboozling or buying some of our citizens to his support.

Many may not remember this gentleman's various attempts at tapping our metals. The first was heralded by a statement that he wanted to take a line a few miles into Kootenay, but he did not care so much about that, but he had an ardent desire to run a line from Kootenay down to the Coast. When the bill was under discussion in James Bay, Col. Baker, on behalf of the government, moved the insertion of a rider, "Provided always that the company commence construction at either end simultaneously, and proceed till they meet in the center." The application for the charter was then withdrawn, showing by deeds which are more eloquent than words that the pretended desire to come down to the Coast was what I do not mean to name.

Other applications were made, and at last he was granted leave to go some distance into Kootenay. That charter they have right, but what

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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, March 8, 8 p.m.

SYNOPSIS.

An important storm area which is centered off Washington to-night is causing high southerly winds and gales along the Coast from Cape Mendocino to Flattery. The weather has been showery on the Lower Mainland, and a general rain has fallen over the Coast states, including California. East of the Rockies another moderate cold wave is spreading southward across the Territories.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	40	49
Kamloops	38	46
Barkerville	24	34
Calgary	18	22
Portland, Ore.	40	58
San Francisco, Cal.	48	56

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time) Thursday:

Victoria and Vicinity—Southeast to south winds, fresh to high along the Coast; mild, with occasional showers.

Lower Mainland—Easterly winds; unsettled, with occasional rains.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m.—Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, March 8.

Deg.	Mean.	Deg.
5 a.m.	41	Mean.
Noon	43	High.
5 p.m.	46	Lowest.

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m.	5 miles northeast.
Noon	21 miles southeast.
5 p.m.	8 miles southeast.

Rain—0.4 inches.

Average state of weather—Fair.

Sunshine—3 hours 12 minutes.

Barometer at noon—Observed.....29.776
Corrected.....29.716

E. BAYNES REED,
Provincial Forecast Official.

PASSENGERS.

By steamer Kingston from the Sound:

J. D. Roberts.	Mrs. Jas. Dunsmuir.
Robt. Nille.	Mrs. Symons.
W. J. Watt.	Mrs. Thomas.
Jas. Watt.	W. Griffiths.
Geo. Stevens.	Miss Fay Watson.
G. H. Seelie.	F. J. Zent.
G. S. Chamberlain.	J. Field.
H. L. Mooner.	J. H. James.
Jno. Cashman.	Geo. Hamilton.
Mrs. Cashman.	J. Green.
J. Watt.	Miss Helen Watson.
Capt. G. H. French.	J. Anderson.
Jno. Sutteroff.	D. Christian.
Rev. Leslie Egan.	H. Morgan.
W. A. Ward.	Mrs. B. Morgan.
D. Fleming.	Roy Fenton.
J. H. Schaffner.	C. H. Amerline.
M. L. Hamilton.	Mrs. Amerline.
Jas. Dunsmuir.	

By steamer Charmer from Vancouver:

A. E. McPhillips.	Jas. Olson.
R. Collier.	Wm. Angle.
J. McKay.	Chas. Graham.
Capt. Martin.	B. Pratt.
R. A. Jackson.	H. Nicholson.
R. Cox.	Geo. Rutt.
Jas. Robertson.	J. B. Pinder.
R. J. Weldon.	Nelson Carter.
G. Parrell.	A. W. Wood.
Rev. C. M. Murphy.	Miss Williams.
J. Williams.	J. Greenhouse.
Mrs. H. Williams.	W. Loma.
G. M. Kennedy.	Miss Dunbar.
Jas. Freely.	L. J. Willis.
Capt. George Clay.	W. McCulloch.
Miss Lipman.	Thos. H. McDonald.
Thos. H. Davies.	Jas. Lemon.
John Campbell.	Dean Spencer.
J. Nesbitt.	

CONSIGNEES.

By steamer Kingston from the Sound:

Johns Bros.	Geo. Stevens.
Henderson Bros.	Ida Valdaue.
M. W. Watt.	Brackman & Ker.
C. W. Green.	Toronto Type Fdy.
C. C. Russell.	Jno. Boyd & Co.
S. Leiser & Co.	Canada Paint Co.
Shindler & Co.	P. Stewar & Co.
Rev. McGregor & Son.	C. H. Amerline.
J. H. Todd & Son.	H. Jackman.
Erskine, Wall & Co.	Monro & Co.
Chas. Hill.	W. H. MacDonald.
Shelton & Co.	Turner, B. & Co.

By steamer Charmer from Vancouver:

R. Ward & Co.	Sam Sea.
Naval Storekeeper.	Erskine, Wall & Co.
R. P. Rihet & Co.	Fell & Co.
R. H. Martin & Co.	Henderson Bros.
D. Spencer.	J. H. Baker.
Walter S. Fraser.	MacCandless Bros.
D. H. Ross.	Ames-Holden Co.
Rev. Leslie Egan.	W. J. Watt.
Lenz & Leiser.	R. P. Stewart & Co.
Simon Leiser.	Barnum, H. & Co.
Wescott Bros.	Union Club.
R. Williams & Co.	City Plumbing Co.
E. A. Morris.	J. Piercey.
F. R. Pemberton.	Johns Bros.
J. A. Virtue.	R. H. Howell.
Greenwood, S. & R.	Erskine, Wall & Co.
E. J. Saunders.	Parsons Produce Co.

CHRONIC ECZEMA CURED.

One of the most chronic cases of eczema ever cured is the case of Miss Gracie Ella Aiton, of Hartland, N.B. On a sworn statement Mr. Aiton says: I hereby certify that my daughter Gracie Ella was cured of eczema of long standing by using four boxes of Dr. Chase's Ointment. Also certifies that he sold four Ointment. William Thistle, druggist, of cured Gracie Ella.

THE GERMAN PATENT SYSTEM.

German patents are especially valuable, because the search for previous publication is, comparatively speaking, thorough. The government takes no responsibility, however, for the correctness of its examination. The claims are also reduced to a minimum of conciseness. The public are invited to produce evidences of priority, or otherwise attack the claims of the inventors. To this end the papers are publicly exposed for six weeks after the patent office has finished its examination and before the patent is definitely granted. Much patent litigation is probably thereby avoided, and the public is less likely to be led into investments based on patents lacking in novelty and unable to withstand the attacks which commercial success is sure to call down upon them. If a patent can exist five years without being attacked, it is sure of the rest of its term.

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PIRATES OPERATING.

Small Steam Craft on the West River, China Frequently Overhauled by a Gang.

PEKIN SYNDICATE SURVEYORS START ON THEIR LONG TRIP THROUGH CENTRAL CHINA.

During the last three months there have been, says the Hongkong Daily Press, no less than seven or eight cases of piracy on board the small steam craft plying on the West river, and in one case where resistance was offered by a native captain, the man was shot down and horribly mutilated in order to terrorize peaceful voyagers and render assistance less likely. On one case so far has a vessel with foreigners on board been molested, but if the scoundrels who perform these depredations are going to continue to go scot free, there is little doubt that it is only a question of time, and sufficient in the shape of an ample cash prize, when we will hear of a daring and successful raid being made on a foreign commanded vessel. An analysis of the data available as to the past piracies points to one or two facts worth noting. First, that there are two centres of piracy in the neighborhood, respectively of Takling and Kungmoon, the one place being well up the river and the other near the outlet to the sea. Of course, the whole river and its navigable tributaries are afflicted with the pest, but circumstances point to the above-named localities taking special prominence in piratical raids. Secondly, it may be noted that the pirates board the vessel at a distance from the point where their confederates are in waiting for them, and that they divide and come aboard at one or two distinct points as passengers, to ally suspicion. Thirdly, their constant escape from capture points either to the fact that the official yamen runners and soldiers are in league with them or to their total inability to maintain order in the area subject to these piratical raids.

LOOKING TO JAPAN.

China Sends to the Island Kingdom for Men to Prepare a System of Education.

From a Japanese paper we learn, says the Shanghai Daily Press, that H. E. Viceroy Chang Chih-tung has applied to the Japanese government for the services of two experts to prepare a system of elementary education for the districts under his jurisdiction. It is said that Mr. Furuyama Tokuo, now connected with educational work in Saitama prefecture, and one of the staff of the High Normal school in Tokyo, will probably be sent, and that he will start at the end of this month or the beginning of next. Such a measure on the part of the viceroy cannot be reconciled with recently circulated reports that his progressive tendencies are bitterly resented by the throne, and that his impeachment is imminent if not already resolved. It must seem to any thoughtful Japanese an extraordinary subservience of immemorial conditions that China should come to Japan in search of an educational system; China, at the feet of whose literati Japan sat 1,600 years.

A BIG UNDERTAKING.

Surveyors Commence Operations in Connection Pekin Syndicate Grant.

Mr. J. G. Glass and a party of engineers have commenced operations in connection with the concession granted to the Pekin Syndicate by the Chinese government. Mr. Glass and his party will go to Hankow by steamer, 600 miles up the Yangtze, and then strike off to the north and beat up the Han river, also navigable for 300 miles. On reaching Slang Yeng, they will work across country to Hunan and strike Yellow river, cross it and make Huankong on the north bank. Thence their path will be to Tschou and Hunan, in the heart of the great coal region of the Shansi province. They will survey country in order to find a good alignment for a railway from Huankong to Slang Yeng, about 300 miles, and for a branch from Huankong to Weyhei, 70 miles. The object is to open out the coal, petroleum and iron fields of Shansi and bring them into direct communication with the great waterways of central China and with the Grand canal.

LI HUNG IN DEMAND.

Great Chinese Statesman Sent for by the Empress in Cases of Political Emergency.

A Peking dispatch states that H. E. Li Hung Chang, who has recently been busily occupied in determining and preparing for the conservation of the Yellow river works in Shantung province, has been lately ordered by the imperial edict of the Empress Dowager to return post haste to Peking. It is stated that this has been due to the uncertainty of foreign and palace affairs, and the Empress Dowager appears to wish to have her old adviser by her side when occasion arises. The post vacated by H. E. Li will probably be given to H. E. Hsu Chung-shi, ex-governor of Kuangtung, who was formerly director-general of the Yellow river, and is supposed to know something of river conservancy.

SEMI-INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION.

Such Is the Proposal Now on Foot in Japan for 1902.

Japanese exchanges speak of a semi-international exposition to be held at Tokio or Osaka in 1902. As the Yokohama Advertiser says that representatives of those two cities are to apply to the house of representatives to have their respective cities selected as a site, and it is expected that a very warm discussion will ensue. Last October, during the sitting in Tokio of the agriculture, commercial and industrial high conference, the Kokumun continually urged the settlement of this question in favor of the capital, but without avail. It is almost certain, however, that Tokio will ultimately be chosen. As for the scale of the exhibition, since Japan ranks to-day among the seven leading powers she should not be satisfied with a purely domestic exposition.

ANGLO-JAPANESE BANK.

Strong Combination of Japanese and British Capital for a Bank at Tokio.

A number of influential bankers at Tokio, in concert with British merchants at Yokohama, propose to organize a bank under the style of the Anglo-Japanese Bank, with a capital of 10,000,000 yen. It is proposed that four millions of the capital should be undertaken by the Japanese and six mil-

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NOTICE

Frank Collin is my duly authorized agent to collect all moneys owing me in connection with the delivery of the Daily Colonist from this date.

Dated January 28, 1899.

W. BRYCE

MINING PROPERTY FOR SALE

Tenders are invited for the purchase of the following gold mining property, viz.: Three and a half miles in length, with a width of 1,000 feet, of Perry Creek, held under a mining lease from the Gold Commissioner, dated 9th February 1897, for the term of ten years from the 21st October, 1897. Also all mining plant and machinery belonging to the vendors, which may be found upon or about the said property.

Tenders to be sent to Thos. C. Sorby, honorary secretary of the Perry Creek Gold Mining Company, Limited Liability, Victoria, B. C., on or before the first day of April, 1899.

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